MASKELL SAVES WYCOMBE

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ONLY A spectacular save by 'keeper John Maskell in the last seconds of the game preserved an Isthmian League point for Wycombe.

Maskell tipped over a tremendous shot from inside-right Rutter to save the Wanderers after a lethargic display which brought a slow handclap from the crowd.

Neither side looked like scoring. The defences were on top and 'keepers Maskell for Wycombe and Hutson for Ilford were too smart for the off-the-mark forwards.

Consoling feature for Wycombe was a promising display at right-half by Sherborne making his first senior appearance as deputy for the injured Baker.

But only Horseman of the forwards troubled the Ilford defence.

Although they showed more enterprise in attack Ilford too lacked punch in attack. Left-winger Archer, who had several sparkling runs, and Rutter were the only men to shine.

WYCOMBE GET THE SLOW HANDCLAP

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THIS Isthmian League game at Loakes Park was a story of two rugged defences mastering two sets of inept forwards. It was a goalless bore!

Wycombe had more attempts at goal, but none of them really tested the agile Hutson.

The home side badly wanted two points to keep up with the league leaders. All they got was a slow handclap from their frustrated fans.

Senior debut

Vic Sherbourne made his senior debut at right-half after 18 months in the reserves and made some promising moves, distributing the ball well on all occasions.

He came in for Barry Baker, who had not recovered from a knee injury received against Enfield last week.

Both sides missed chances. For Wycombe both Samuels, with a header, and Merrick threw away golden opportunities, while skipper Rutter was Ilford's main chance squanderer.